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AAA Orchard Park presents...*

Cruising the Danube to the Black Sea

October 1 – 13, 2023



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13 Days • 32 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches, 11 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Vienna, Austria, 10-Night Danube River Cruise, Bratislava, Slovakia, Budapest, Hungary, Choice on Tour, Vukovar, Croatia, Kopacki Rit Nature Park, Belgrade, Serbia, Iron Gates Passage, Rouse, Basarbovo Monastery, Black Sea Coast, Captain's Gala Dinner, Bucharest, Romania

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 11	MS Amadeus Brilliant, Amsterdam
Day 12	Grand Hotel Bucharaest, Bucharest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, October 1, 2023 Overnight Flight Experience the Danube River's wonders on a 10-night river cruise. From sparkling Vienna and Budapest to the imposing Iron Gates, explore 7 countries en route to the magnificent Black Sea.

Day 2: Monday, October 2, 2023 Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins - Board Ship Welcome to the grand city of Vienna, the capital of Austria! Board a private 4-star ship, your home for the next 10 nights. Toast the beginning of a great trip over a cocktail before indulging in a welcome dinner. Later discover the most iconic sights of Vienna by night. Drive along the famous Ringstrasse, and see the stunning Opera House, Parliament, Court Theatre and City Hall, then walk through the city center from Hofburg Imperial Palace, along the Kohl market to Vienna's iconic St. Stephen's Cathedral. (D)

Day 3: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Bratislava, Slovakia This morning, arrive in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. On a guided-walking tour, explore this romantic city's impressive gothic and baroque architecture and see some of its most beautiful spots such as

the old city walls and the Summer Palace of the Archbishop. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Bratislava your way. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Esztergom, Hungary - Budapest Relax onboard as your ship travels to stunning Budapest, "Queen of the Danube". You may choose to disembark early this morning for an optional guided tour of Esztergom, former residence of Hungarian kings and the charming artist's town of Szentendre. On arrival in sparkling Budapest, **it's your choice** how to discover the city's riches! You can choose to join a local guide exploring the riches of both "Buda" and "Pest", the two parts of the city on either side of the Danube on a traditional city tour **-OR-** dive deeper into its rich Jewish heritage on a guided tour featuring Elizabethtown and the Pest Jewish Quarter. This evening, glide through Budapest on a cruise; festively lit up at night the cruise illuminates the city's most beautiful side. A folklore show on board completes the experience. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Thursday, October 5, 2023 Budapest Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Budapest however you wish – stroll the old town, relax in the cafes or visit some of the many historic sites. Or, you may choose to take a morning optional tour highlighting some of Budapest's sweetest sites, including a visit to bustling Market Hall filled with Hungarian delicacies, Vajdahunyad Castle, the Széchenyi Baths and iconic Café Gerbeaud. In the afternoon you may choose to immerse yourself in Hungarian culture on an optional Pustza excursion where you learn about paprika, visit a farmer's home for traditional arts demonstrations and experience a Hungarian Horse show, complete with a wagon ride. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Friday, October 6, 2023 Vukovar, Croatia After a leisurely morning onboard arrive in the Croatian town of Vukovar. Begin your exploration with a sightseeing tour of Vukovar. Then, immerse yourself in Croatia's natural wonders during a breathtaking excursion to the Kopacki Rit Nature Park and explore the unspoiled beauty of this wetland by boat. Visit the village of Kopacevo's Rural House to learn about local fishing traditions and taste typical Croatian products such as fruit brandy, local wine, and homemade cakes. Continue to Osijek to stroll through the old town and tour its baroque military fortress built in the 18th century before returning to your ship for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Saturday, October 7, 2023 Belgrade, Serbia Explore a new country as you arrive in Belgrade, the vibrant capital of Serbia. During an included morning sightseeing tour, view many of its attractions such as Parliament, Terazije Square, the palace of Princess Ljubica and St. Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox church in the world. Continue to explore historic Belgrade independently this afternoon. After dinner, you may choose to experience Belgrade's night life during an optional excursion to the lively artists' quarter of Skardalija. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sunday, October 8, 2023 Cruising Day - Iron Gates Passage Spend a relaxing day on board cruising through the most impressive natural stretch of the Danube. Marvel at the "Iron Gates", an imposing gorge whose enormous white limestone cliffs form the natural border between Serbia and Romania. Soak in the beauty of the surrounding Carpathian Mountains and the Balkan mountain range. The small abbey church Mraconia, situated on the Romanian side of the Danube, is a jewel at the water's edge and the monumental rock sculpture of King Decebalus of Dacia reaches skywards at Dubova. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Monday, October 9, 2023 Svistov, Bulgaria - Rouse Disembark the ship in Svistov this morning and travel via coach towards the rock monastery of Basarbovo, an active monastery built in the 16th century in a cave in the cliffs high above the river. Next discover the church of St. Dimitar with its history, spectacular views and frescoes. Continue on to Rouse, a 2000-year old city on the



Lower Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$6,298

Middle Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$6,798

Upper Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$7,798

Suite Cabin Rates: Double \$10,298

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Greater Buffalo Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person, Gratuities for Tour Manager, Driver, Local Guides and Cruise Staff

Single space is extremely limited. Please call Matt Covert at AAA Orchard Park for single rate.

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

Danube that is filled with culture and traditions. A guided tour highlights the State Opera House, the pyramidal Monument of Liberty, and the architectural medley of the Baroque, Renaissance, Gothic and Empire styles. Explore the city center's neatly trimmed squares and parks dotted with fountains and monuments on foot before enjoying a glass of Bulgarian wine and some traditional pastry. *(B, L, D)*

Day 10: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Danube Delta - Saint George Village, Romania Your journey continues through the breathtakingly beautiful Danube Delta, one of the largest wetlands in the world, whose vast variety of plant and animal species led to its declaration as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site. Travel along St. George's Canal, known as the "end of the Danube" where the mighty river flows into the Black Sea. Upon arrival in the quaint fishing village of St. George, you are free to explore independently – perhaps you will stroll the main thoroughfare, linger at a café, stop in one of the many boutiques featuring locally made items, or visit a museum. Or, you may choose to take an optional excursion on an exciting Danube Delta boat safari – board small boats to get closer to the impressive natural landscape and its fascinating flora and fauna. *(B, L, D)*

Day 11: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Fetesti - Constanta - Fetesti Today your ship arrives in Fetesti where you disembark for an

included excursion to spectacular Constanta. The oldest continually inhabited city in Romania and its largest sea port, Constanta was founded by Greek Colonists in the 6th century BC. A guided tour highlights the synthesis of Greek, Roman, Balkan-oriental and European influences and offers views of the Great Mosque, Casino and the Genoese Lighthouse. A short visit to the History and Archaeology Museum reveals more of the city's 2.5 millennia history. Step on the golden sandy beaches of the Black Sea before returning to the ship. This evening, indulge at a festive Captain's Gala Dinner. *(B, L, D)*

Day 12: Thursday, October 12, 2023 Fetesti - Disembark Ship - Bucharest This morning your river cruise comes to an end in the Romanian town of Fetesti, where you disembark your ship. Transfer to Bucharest, Romania's legendary, capital steeped in history and tradition. Take part in a sightseeing tour through this vibrant metropolis and enjoy an included lunch at a local restaurant. Later, check-in to your hotel. This evening toast the end of a spectacular Danube journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel. *(B, L, D)*

Day 13: Friday, October 13, 2023 Tour Ends Say goodbye to the gorgeous Danube as your journey comes to a close today. *(B)*

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PLEASE NOTE:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

Cabins are available on lower (Hadyn), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire at time of booking for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. Suites (Amadeus Suites) are available on a very limited basis.

Suites (Amadeus Suites) and singles are very limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

Triple and child accommodations are not available.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the trip. For the farewell Gala dinner, a dinner dress for the ladies and jacket and tie for the gentlemen is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the tour.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

Coffee or tea is included at all meals. Wine, beer and soda are included with each dinner onboard the ship.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time but need some time to unwind and relax.



Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m. On day 12, disembarkation is no later than 9:00 a.m.

Air passengers will arrive into Vienna airport and depart from Bucharest airport.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board cruise: 13.50 US dollars (10-12 euros) per person for each day for the cruise staff. This can be made in a single payment in euros or US dollars at the front desk at the end of your voyage or by the envelopes provided in your cabin.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 28, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 03, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until February 28, 2023.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1150700

TOUR: Cruising the Danube to the Black Sea *Cruising
from Austria to Romania*

DEPARTURE DATE: October 1, 2023

GROUP NAME: AAA Western and Central New York
- Orchard Park

Available Options

AAA Vacations® Complimentary Inclusion:
Receive up to a \$50 credit to use toward the optional tour of your choice

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Szentendre

Exploring Esztergom and Szentendre • Wednesday, October 4 2023 8:30AM \$65 USD

This morning you may choose an optional excursion to explore magnificent Esztergom and colorful Szentendre. Esztergom, the former residence of Hungarian kings and Archbishops, comes alive during a visit to its vast domed basilica, the largest cathedral in Hungary, built in the early 19th century around an ornate red marble chapel from an earlier church. Continue along the riverbank to the imposing ruined fortress of Visegrád for a glorious view of the “knee” of the Danube. Since the early 20th century, the artists’ village of Szentendre has been home to generations of Hungarian artists, museums and contemporary galleries representing the rich traditions of visual arts. Stroll the main square, lined with impressive buildings in the Rococo and Baroque traditions. Continue along the scenic west bank of the Danube where towns and villages pepper the coast. The option is only available until 15 days prior departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. *Duration: Approximately 5.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Budapest

Vibrant Budapest with Café Gerbeaud • Thursday, October 5 2023 8:30AM \$60 USD

This morning you may choose to take an optional excursion highlighting some of Budapest’s sweetest sites. Begin with a visit to the famous roofed market hall, dating from the late 1800s. A walk through the stalls quickly reveals some of the most popular Hungarian specialties including the legendary Hungarian paprika! Continue by coach to the City Park, home to the imposing Vajdahunyad Castle and the Széchenyi Baths - one of the largest thermal baths in Europe. Let the second oldest metro in Europe whisk you to the famous Café Gerbeaud, to savor a piece of cake and cup of coffee. A final view of the famous St. Stephen’s Basilica caps off a terrific morning. This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Kalocsa

Hungarian Culture and Countryside – the Puszta • Thursday, October 5 2023 2:00PM \$90 USD

This afternoon you can further immerse yourself in the Hungarian culture and countryside during an optional Puszta excursion! Visit the “Paprika House” to learn about how this famed spice became the “red gold” of the Kalocsa Region. Sample cakes and other foods filled and baked with paprika and select your favorite. Visit a 19th century farmers home to learn more about Hungary’s rich crafts heritage. Enjoy a folk dance performance while local women in traditional dress demonstrate the art of embroidery and of painting decorative eggs. Travel to the Hungarian Puszta to enjoy the scenery of the vast plain, where the sky stretches endlessly into the horizon, giving the impression of unlimited freedom. Enjoy the hospitality of hostesses and riders, quench your thirst with local wines, taste typical peasant food and admire the power of the renowned Hungarian half-blood horses. Do not miss the wagon ride for a complete Puszta experience. This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 30 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Belgrade**Belgrade by Night - a musical evening in the famous artists' quarter Skadarlija • Saturday, October 7 2023 7:45PM****\$70****USD**

This evening you may choose to join an option partaking in the best of Belgrade by night. A coach transports you through the illuminated streets of Belgrade to a hotel in the city center, where you will enjoy a splendid folklore show. The colorfully attired ensemble invites you to linger over a glass of wine while they perform dances from different parts of the country set to Serbian folk music. Then continue to Skadarlija, the famous artists' quarter, also known as the Montmartre of Belgrade. Indulge in Serbian specialties accompanied by live music from a local Serbian band. This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line.

Duration: Approximately 3 hours. Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Svistov**Danube Delta Nature Experience • Tuesday, October 10 2023 1:00PM****\$70****USD**

For an even more in-depth immersion into the nature of the Danube Delta from the fishing village of St. George you may choose an optional excursion to the 2600-acre protected Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve. Enjoy an unforgettable tour as you board small boats to explore this pristine UNESCO World Heritage Site, rich with unique flora and fauna. Your trip takes you through the Sahalin Lagoon, the Ciotica Channel and passes by the oldest fish processing centers in the Danube Delta. Discover the unique habitat of waterfowl and fish and a plant world that is still largely untouched in its beauty – the reserve holds the largest reed-covered area in the world. This option is only available 15 days prior to departure. After this time, option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 30 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
 (Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Exploring Esztergom and Szentendre <i>The option is only available until 15 days prior departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line.</i>	65.00
	Vibrant Budapest with Café Gerbeaud <i>This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line.</i>	60.00
	Hungarian Culture and Countryside – the Puszta <i>This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line.</i>	90.00
	Belgrade by Night - a musical evening in the famous artists' quarter Skadarlija <i>This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line.</i>	70.00
	Danube Delta Nature Experience <i>This option is only available 15 days prior to departure. After this time, option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line.</i>	70.00

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

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Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

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Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

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If you choose not to purchase AAA Vacations® Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

CABIN PREFERENCE: Please Number Your Choices from 1 to 4. (1 being your top choice)

() Lower Outside () Suite () Middle Outside () Upper Outside

We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. It is suggested that you indicate your first, second and third choice of cabin categories. If requested cabin category is not available, the next available category will be offered and the supplemental amount will be added or deducted.

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

() Budapest Classic City Tour

() Jewish Heritage Tour

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AAA Western and Central New York - Orchard Park () Check () Credit Card

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